GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:286
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2000
IDENTIFICATION OF BACKWARD POOREST DISTRICTS
RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was appointed in 1997 to identify the 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(c) the names of such districts;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the development of these districts;

(e) whether any target has been fixed to develop these districts; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): As per list annexed.

(d)to(f): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing programmespertaining, inter-alia, to poverty alleviation, employment generation, infrastructure development, watershed development, social security and land reforms, with a view to improve the quality of life in the rural areas and assist people below the poverty line. These programmes are being closely monitored and are being evaluated from time to time. These programmes are also being implemented in these 100 most backward & poorest districts.

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 286 DUE 21.11.2000.

1. NALANDA 2. BHOJPUR

3. RANCHI 4. AURANGABAD

5. JEHANABAD 6. GAYA

7 NAWADA 8. SARAN

9. SIWAN 10. GOPALGANJ
11. PACHIM CHAMARAN 12. PURBA CHAMPARAN
13. SITAMARHI 14. MUZAFFARPUR
15. VAISHALI 16. BEGUSARAI
17. SAMASTIPUR 18. DARBHANGA
19. MADHUBANI 20. SAHARSA
21. MADHEPURA 22. PURNEA
23. KATIHAR 24. KHAGARIA
25. MUNGER 26. BHAGALPUR
27. GODDA 28. SAHIBGANJ
29. DUMKA 30. DEOGARH
31. GIRIDIH 32. HAZARIBAGH
33. PALAMOU 34. LOHARDAGGA
35. GUMLA 36. PACHIM SINGHBHUM
37. ARARIA 38. KISHANGANJ
39. DADRA & NAGAR Haveli 40. KAITHAL
41. HAMIRPUR 42. BIDAR
43. TIKAMGARH 44. CHATARPUR

45. PANNA 46. SAGAR
47. DAMOH 48. KHARGONE
49. KHANDWA 50. VIDISHA
51. SEHORE 52. RAISEN
53. BETUL 54. HOSHANGABAD
55. NARSINHPUR 56. MANDLA
57. CHHINDWARA 58. SEONI
59. BALAGHAT 60. RAJNANDGAON
61. SURGUJA 62. AURANGABAD
63. JALNA 64. PARBHANI
65. BEED 66. NANDED
67. OSMANABAD 68. LATUR
69. BULDANA 70. GADCHIROLI
71. YAVATMAL 72. PHULBANI
73. KALAHANDI 74. KORAPUT
75. KEONJHAR 76. DUNGARPUR
77. BANSWARA 78. WEST SIKKIM
79. SOUTH SIKKIM 80. SITAPUR
81. HARDOI 82. UNNAO
83. RAEBARELI 84. JALAUN
85. LALITPUR 86. HAMIRPUR
87. BANDA 88. FATEHPUR
89. PRATAPGARH 90. ABHARAICH
91. BARABANKI 92. SIDHARTHNAGAR
93. MAHARAJGANJ 94. JHANSI
95. MAU 96. KANPUR DEHAT
97. KOOCH BEHAR 98.JALPAIGURI
99.MALDAH 100.DARJEELING